

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Peter M. Bonutti

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For: MAGNETIC SUTURING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD

Examiner: M. Andersen

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, please enter the following remarks into the file of the above-entitled application.